2005 FAIRFAX COUNTY YOUTH SURVEY

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this study. These questions ask your opinion about a number of things concerning you, your friends, your family, your neighborhood, and your community.

All of your answers will be kept strictly confidential. This means your answers are secret. This survey is completely voluntary. You can skip any question that you do not want to answer.

Be sure to read the instructions below before you begin.

Thank you very much.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. This is not a test, so there are no right or wrong answers.
- 2. All of the questions should be answered by marking one of the answer spaces. If you do not find an answer that fits exactly, use the one that comes closest. If any question does not apply to you, or you are not sure of what it means, just leave it blank.
- Your answers will be read automatically by a scanner and computer. Please follow these instructions carefully.
- 4. For questions that have the following answers: NO! no yes YES!

Mark (the BIG) YES! if you think the statement is DEFINITELY TRUE for you.

Mark (the little) yes if you think the statement is MOSTLY TRUE for you.

Mark (the little) no if you think the statement is MOSTLY NOT TRUE for you.

Mark (the BIG) NO! if you think the statement is DEFINITELY NOT TRUE for you.

Example: Chocolate is the best ice cream flavor.



MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

- Use a No. 2 pencil or a blue or black pen only.
- Do not use pens with ink that soaks through the paper.
- Make solid marks that fill the response completely.
- · Make no stray marks on this form.

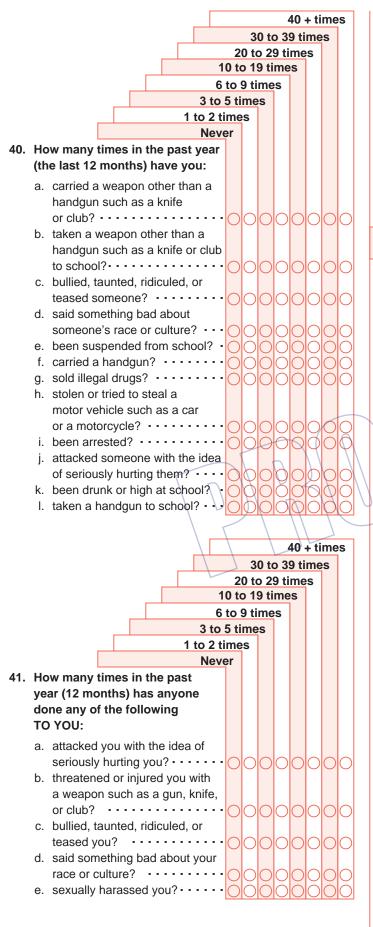
	These questions ask for some general information about the people completing the survey. Please mark the response that best describes you.	10. What is the highest level of schooling your father completed?
! !	. How old are you? 10 12 14 16 18 11 13 15 17 19 or older	Completed grade school or less Graduate or professional Some High School Completed high school Some College Do not know Does not apply
2	. What grade are you in?	
l I		11. What is the highest level of schooling your mother completed?
3	. Are you: O Female Male	Completed grade school Completed College
4a	. What do you consider yourself to be? (Select ONE only)	or less Graduate or professional Some High School school after college Completed high school Do not know
	Hispanic or LatinoNot Hispanic or Latino	Some College Does not apply
4b	. What do you consider yourself to be? (Select ONE OR MORE)	The next section asks about your experiences at school.
' 	American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian	12. Putting them all together, what were your grades like last year?
]]]	Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White	Mostly Mostly Mostly Mostly Mostly F's D's C's B's A's
5	. Think of where you live most of the time. Which of the	6-10 days
J	following people live there with you?(Choose all that apply)	4-5 days
	Mother Father Other adults Foster Mother Foster Father Sister(s) Stepmother Stepfather Stepsister(s) Grandmother Grandfather Brother(s) Aunt Uncle Stepbrother(s) Other children	3 days 2 days 1 day None 13. During the LAST FOUR WEEKS how many whole days of school have you missed:
6	. How many brothers and sisters, including stepbrothers	a. because you felt you would be
I	and stepsisters, do you have that are the same age or	unsafe at school or on your way
1	older than you?	to or from school? · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
 	0 01 2 03 04 05 06 or more	b. because of illness? · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
7	. How many brothers and sisters, including stepbrothers	
1	and stepsisters, do you have that are younger than you?	S &
l I	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 or more	
8.	What language do you use most often at home?	14. In my school, students have lots of chances to help decide things like class
]	○ English ○ Spanish ○ Another Language	activities and rules.
j	O Trigillori O Training augus	15. Teachers ask me to work on special
j	ZIP CODE	classroom projects.
9	. What is the zip code where you live?——2	16. My teacher notices when I am doing a
] 		good job and lets me know about it. · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
!		school to get involved in sports, clubs, and
ı		other school activities outside of class.
I	33333	18. There are lots of chances for students at my
] -		school to talk with a teacher one-on-one.
] 	5 5 5 5 6 6 6 6 6	19. I feel safe at my school
!		have done something well.
I I	8888	Continue on next page.

These questions ask for some general information

\$ 68 X and experiences in other parts of your life. 21. My teachers praise me when I work hard 2 22. Are your school grades better than the grades of most students in your class? · · · None 23. I have lots of chances to be a part of class 29. Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months) how many of your 24. How often do you feel that the school work you best friends have: are assigned is meaningful and important? a. smoked cigarettes? · · · · · · · · · · · Never Sometimes Almost Always b. tried beer, wine, or hard liquor (for Seldom Often example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) when 25. How interesting are most of your classes to you? their parents didn't know about it? c. used marijuana? Fairly interesting Very dull Very Interesting d. used LSD, cocaine, amphetamines, or O Quite interesting Slightly dull e. been suspended from school? · · · · · 26. How important do you think the things you are learning in school are going to be for your later life? O Very Important Fairly important Not at all important g. sold illegal drugs? h. stolen or tried to steal a motor vehicle Quite important Slightly important such as a car or a motorcycle? **Almost Always** dropped out of school? Often k. been members of a gang? Sometimes Seldom 17 or older Never 27. Now thinking back over the past 16 year in school, how often did you: 15 14 a. enjoy being in school? ---13 b. hate being in school? 12 c. try to do your best work in school? 11 10 or Younger This section asks about how you spend your time after school. **Never Have** 30. How old were you when you first: 7 or more hours per day a. smoked marijuana · · · · · 5 to 6 hours per day b. smoked a cigarette, even 3 to 4 hours per day just a puff? · · · · · · · · · 1 to 2 hours per day c. had more than a sip or two Less than 1 hour per day of beer, wine, or hard liquor None (for example, vodka, 28. How do you spend your time on whiskey, or gin)? - - - - weekdays after school? d. began drinking alcoholic beverages regularly, that is, About how often do you spend time: a. watching TV or playing video games at least once or twice a b. doing homework, studying or reading month? c. helping out around the house e. got suspended from school? f. got arrested? · · · · · · · · · (chores, babysitting, etc.) - - - - d. working at a paid job g. carried a handgun? e. spending time with friends away h. attacked someone with the idea of seriously f. spending time at home without any hurting them? adults present i. belonged to a gang? - -

The next questions ask about your feelings

		Not Wrong at All		Once a week or more
		A Little Bit Wrong		Two or three times a month
_		Wrong		About once a month
_		Very Wrong		Less than once a month
_	31.	How wrong do you think it is for		I've done it, but not in the past year
		someone your age to:		Never
		a. take a handgun to school? · · · · · · · ·	37	37. How many times have you done
_		b. steal anything worth more than \$5.00? · ·		the following things?
		c. pick a fight with someone?		a. done what felt good no matter what?
_		d. attack someone with the idea of		b. done something dangerous because
_		seriously hurting them?		someone dared you to do it.
_		e. stay away from school all day when their		c. done crazy things even if they are a
		parents think they are at school?		
				little dangerous.
		f. drink beer, wine, or hard liquor (for		d. ridden in a car or other vehicle
		example, vodka, whiskey, or gin)		without a seatbelt?
		regularly (at least once or twice		e. ridden in a car or other vehicle
		a month)?		driven by someone who had been
		g. smoke cigarettes? · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		drinking alcohol? • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
_		h. smoke marijuana?		f. driven a car or other vehicle when
		i. use LSD, cocaine, amphetamines, or		you had been drinking alcohol? · · · ·
_		another illegal drug?		g. participated in school or non-school
				extra-curricular activities (i.e. sports,
	32.	I ignore rules that get in my way		4-H, Boys and Girls Club,
		Very False Somewhat true		Pep Club, etc.)?
_		Somewhat false Very true		h. done things for fun with family
		Very true		members (other than watching TV)?
_	33.	It is all right to beat up people if they start the fight.	1	i. been involved in religious related
_		NO! Ono Oyes OYES!	\\	activities or volunteer work (i.e. choir,
_			/ /	working with elderly, etc.)? · · · · · ·
	34.	It is important to be honest with your parents even	\\\	j. hung out at a local mall, shopping
		if they become upset or you get punished.	U	center, or parking lot?
_		NO! Ono Oyes OYES!		k. spent time at a friend's house without
_		One. One Oyes O'Les.		any parents home?
	35.	I do the opposite of what people tell me to just to		any parents nome:
		get them mad.		
_		Very False Somewhat true	38	8. Have you ever belonged to a gang?
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		Somewhat false		◯ Yes ◯ No
	36.	I think it is okay to take something without asking	39	9. If you have ever belonged to a gang, did the
_		if you can get away with it.		gang have a name?
		○ NO! ○ no ○ yes ○ YES!		Yes No I have never belonged
				to a gang
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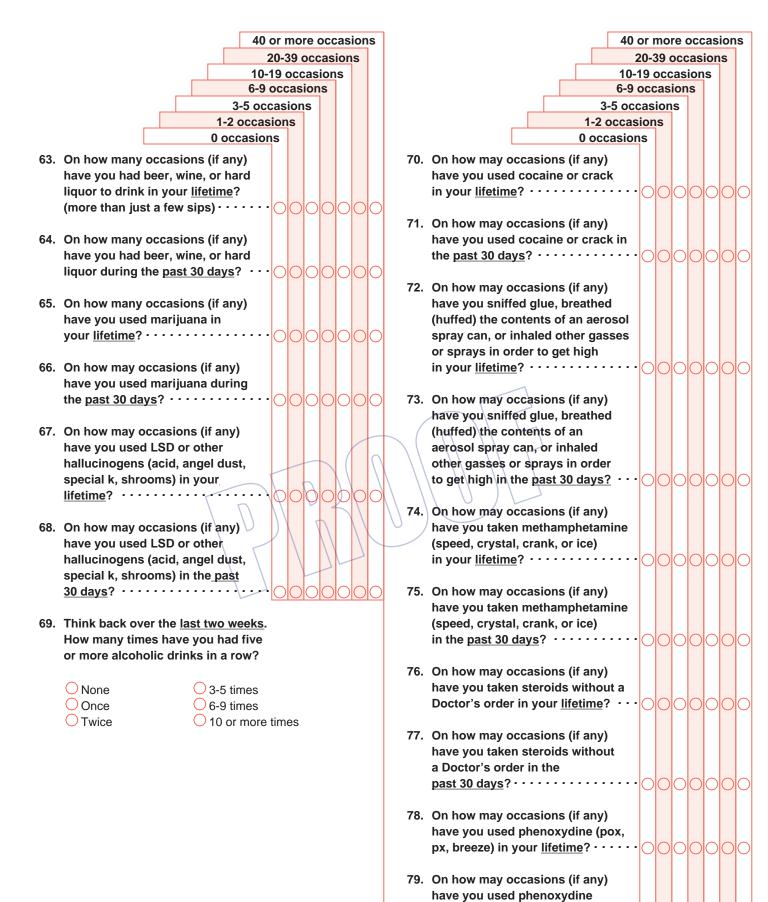


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		Very god	od cha	anc	е
		Pretty good	chanc	e	
		Some cha	ance		
		Little chanc	e		
	No or very	little chance			
42.	What are the chances you				
	would be seen as cool if you:				
	a. smoked cigarettes?				\bigcirc
	b. began drinking alcoholic bever	-		М	\cup
	regularly, at least once or twice	J			$\overline{}$
	c. smoked marijuana? • • • • •				\leq
	,				\subseteq
	d. carried a handgun? · · · · ·		O O	$ \cup $	\bigcirc

These questions ask how you might react to certain situations. Choose the answer that comes closest to what you might do.

- 43. You are looking at the CDs in the music store with a friend. You look up and see her slip a CD under her coat. She smiles and says "Which one do you want? Go ahead, take it while nobody's around." There is no one in sight, no employees or other customers. What would you do now?
 - Olgnore her.
 - Grab a CD and leave the store.
 - Tell her to put the CD back.
 - Act like it is a joke, and ask her to put the CD back.
- 44. It is 8:00 on a weeknight and you are about to go over to a friend's house when your parent asks you where you are going. You say, "Oh, just going to hang out with some friends." Your parent says, "No, you'll just get into trouble if you go out. Stay home tonight." What would you do now?
 - Leave the house anyway
 - Explain what you are going to do with your friends, tell your parent when you will get home and ask if you can go out
 - Not say anything and start watching TV
 - Get into an argument with your parent
- 45. You are visiting another part of town and you do not know any of the people your age there. You are walking down the street, and some teenager you do not know is walking toward you. He is about your size, and as he is about to pass you he deliberately bumps into you and you almost lose your balance. What would you say or do?
 - O Push the person back
 - O Say "Excuse me" and keep walking
 - Say "Watch where you are going" and keep walking
 - Swear at the person and walk away
- 46. You are at a party at someone's house, and one of your friends offers you a drink containing alcohol. What would you say or do?
 - Orink it.
 - Tell your friend, "No thanks, I don't drink," and suggest that you and your friend go and do something else.
 - Just say, "No, thanks," and walk away.
 - Make up a good excuse, tell your friend you have something else to do and leave.

47. I think sometimes it is okay to cheat at school.	Very Frequently
NO! Ono Oyes YES!	Frequently
	Occasionally
48. I like to see how much I can get away with.	Seldom
Very false Somewhat true	Never
Somewhat false Very true	58. During the past three months,
This section calculates the section of the section	how often have you
This section asks about your feelings during the past	a. felt proud of yourself? · · · · · · · · O O O
12 months. Remember, your answers are confidential.	b. thought that you are no good
i 49. During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad	at all? · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
or hopeless almost every day for weeks or more in a	c. felt so worried that you could not
row that you stopped doing some usual activities?	do your usual activities?
	d. had trouble sleeping or eating
Yes No	because something is bothering you?
50. Have any of your close friends or relatives ever	
tried to kill themselves?	e. felt easily tired, bored, or distracted because something is
No Yes, and they lived Yes, and they died	bothering you?
Tes, and they lived Tes, and they died	f. felt lonely or depressed? · · · · · · · ·
51. During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously	1. Tell follery of depressed?
consider attempting suicide?	
Yes No	This section asks about your experiences
	with tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs.
52. During the past 12 months, did you actually	
attempt suicide?	59. Have you <u>ever</u> used smokeless tobacco (chew,
Yes No	snuff, plug, dipping tobacco, or chewing tobacco)?
0. 8 8	Never 3-5 times
8 6 8 W	Once 6-9 times
	Twice 10 or more times
53. It is important to think before you act.	60 Hay fraguently have you used smakeless tabases
54. Do you have to have everything	60. How frequently have you used smokeless tobacco during the past 30 days?
right away? · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
55. Do you often switch from activity	Never About once a day
to activity rather than sticking to	Once or twice More than once a day
one thing at a time?	Once in a while but
56. I often do things without thinking	not regularly
about what will happen.	61. Have you <u>ever</u> smoked cigarettes?
	Never Regularly in the past
Great risk	Once or twice Regularly now
Moderate risk	Once in a while but
Slight risk	not regularly
No risk No risk	nocrogularly
57. How much do you think people risk	62. How often have you smoked cigarettes during the
harming themselves (physically or in	past 30 days?
other ways) if they:	Not at all
a. Smoke one or more packs of	 Less than one cigarette per day
cigarettes per day? · · · · · · · · · · O O O	One to five cigarettes per day
b. Try marijuana once or twice? · · · · · · ·	About one-half pack per day
c. Smoke marijuana regularly?	About one pack per day
d. Take one or two drinks of an	O About one and one-half packs per day
alcoholic beverage (beer, wine,	Two or more packs per day
liquor) nearly every day? • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	



40 or more occasions 20-39 occasions 10-19 occasions 6-9 occasions 3-5 occasions 1-2 occasions 0 occasions 80. On how may occasions (if any) have you used heroin in your lifetime? · · · · · · · · · · · · 81. On how may occasions (if any) have you used heroin in the past 30 days? · · · · · · 82. On how may occasions (if any) have you taken painkillers (such as Oxycontin, Vicodin, Percoset, Codeine, and opium) without a Doctor's order in your lifetime? 83. On how may occasions (if any) have you taken painkillers (such as Oxycontin, Vicodin, Percoset, Codeine, and opium) without a Doctor's order in the past 30 days? 84. On how may occasions (if any) have you taken a prescription drug other than painkillers without a Doctor's order (such as Ritalin, Adderal, or Xanax) in your <u>lifetime</u>? · · · · · · 85. On how may occasions (if any) have you taken a prescription drug other than painkillers without a Doctor's order (such as Ritalin, Adderal, or Xanax) in the past 30 days? · · · · · · · 86. On how may occasions (if any) have you used ecstasy in your lifetime? · · · · · · · · 87. On how may occasions (if any) have you used ecstasy in the past 30 days? · · · · · · · · 88. On how may occasions (if any) have you taken over-the-counter drugs to get high in your lifetime? 89. On how may occasions (if any) have you taken over-the-counter drugs to get high in the past 30 days? d. gotten drunk or high? · · · · · · · ·

These questions ask about the neighborhood and community where you live

	and community where you nve
	Very easy
	Sort of easy
	Sort of hard
	Very hard
90.	How easy or hard would it be
	for you to get: a. beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example,
	vodka, whiskey, or gin)? · · · · · · · ·
	b. some cigarettes? · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	c. drugs like cocaine, LSD,
	or amphetamines? · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	d. a handgun? · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	e. some marijuana? · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
91.	Would a kid in your neighborhood, or the
	area around where you live, be caught by
	the police if he or she:
	a. smokes marijuana? · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	b. drank some beer, wine, or hard liquor
	(for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin)? • •
	c. carried a handgun? · · · · · · · · · O O O
	d. smokes cigarettes?
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$\backslash \backslash$	Natura a at All
	Not wrong at All A Little Bit Wrong
	Wrong
	Very Wrong
92	How wrong would most adults in your
-	neighborhood, or the area around where
	you live, think it is for kids your age:
	a. to use marijuana? · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	b. to drink alcohol?
	c. to smoke cigarettes?
	5 or more adults
	3 or 4 adults
	2 adults
	1 adult None
93.	About how many adults have you
	known personally who in the past year have:
	a. used marijuana, crack, cocaine,
	or other drugs?
	b. sold or dealt drugs? · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	c. done other things that could get them
	in trouble with the police, like
	stealing, selling stolen goods, mugging or assaulting others, etc?
	magging of accading offices, etc:

	\$ 58 %	around where I live.
94.	If I had to move, I would miss the	○ NO! ○ no ○ yes ○ YES!
95	neighborhood I now live in	105. How many times have you changed schools since kindergarten?
33.	a good job and let me know about it. · · ·	None 3-4 times 7 or more times 1-2 times 5-6 times
96.	I like my neighborhood, or the area around where I live. · · · · · · · · · · · ·	106. I would like to get out of my neighborhood, or the area around where I live.
97.	There are lots of adults in my	○ NO! ○ no ○ yes ○ YES!
	neighborhood I could talk to about something important.	107. Have you changed homes in the past year (the last 12 months)?
98.	How much do each of the following	◯ Yes ◯ No
	statements describe your neighborhood or the area around where you live?	108. There are people in my neighborhood, or the area around where I live, who encourage me to do my best.
	a. crime and/or drug selling · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	NO! Ono Oyes OYES!
	c. lots of empty or abandoned buildings · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	109. How often do you attend religious services or activities?
99.	People move in and out of my neighborhood a lot.	Never 1-2 times a month
	○ NO! ○ no ○ yes ○ YES!	Rarely About once a week or more
100.	How many times have you changed homes since kindergarten?	The next few questions ask about your family. When
	None 3-4 times 7 or more times 1-2 times 5-6 times	answering these questions please think about the people you consider to be your family, for example, parents, stepparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.
101.	There are people in my neighborhood, or the	
	area around where I live, who are proud of me when I do something well.	Not wrong at All
		A Little Bit Wrong
	NO! on yes YES!	Wrong Very Wrong
	Don't Know	
	No	110. How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to:
	V	it would be for you to:
102.	Yes	a. drink beer, wine, or hard liquor (for
	Which of the following activities	a. drink beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin)
	Which of the following activities for people your age are available	a. drink beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) regularly (at least once or twice
	Which of the following activities for people your age are available in your community?	a. drink beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) regularly (at least once or twice a month)?
	Which of the following activities for people your age are available	a. drink beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) regularly (at least once or twice
	Which of the following activities for people your age are available in your community? a. sports teams	a. drink beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) regularly (at least once or twice a month)?
	Which of the following activities for people your age are available in your community? a. sports teams	a. drink beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) regularly (at least once or twice a month)?
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	Which of the following activities for people your age are available in your community? a. sports teams	a. drink beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) regularly (at least once or twice a month)? b. smoke cigarettes? c. smoke marijuana? d. steal anything worth more than \$5.00? e. draw graffiti, write things, or draw pictures on buildings or other property (without the owners permission)?

104. I feel safe in my neighborhood, or the area

	I don't have any brothers or sisters	124.	your mother?
	No		○ NO! ○ no ○ yes ○ YES!
	Yes	125	My parents ask me what I think before most
111.	Have any of your brothers or	123.	family decisions affecting me are made.
	sisters ever:		
	a. drank beer,wine,or hard liquor (for		○ NO! ○ no ○ yes ○ YES!
	example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) regardless of their age? b. smoked marijuana?	126.	How often do your parents tell you that they are proud of you for something you have done?
	c. smoked cigarettes?		Never or almost never Often Sometimes All the time
112.	The rules in my family are clear.		\$ 2 % K
	○ NO! ○ no ○ yes ○ YES!	127.	Do you share your thoughts and
113	Has anyone in your family ever had a severe		feelings with your father?
113.	alcohol or drug problem?	128.	Do you enjoy spending time with
		400	your mother? · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Yes No	129.	Do you enjoy spending time with your father?
	à ,	130.	If I had a personal problem, I
	2 2 2 4		could ask my mom or dad
114.	People in my family often insult or		for help.
	yell at each other.	131.	Do you feel very close to
115.	When I am not at home, one of my	\\\	your father? · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	parents knows where I am and who	132.	My parents give me lots of
446	I am with.	\ \ '	changes to do fun things with them.
110.	We argue about the same things in my family over and over.	133	My parents ask if I have gotten my
117.	My parents want me to call if I am	100.	homework done.
	going to be late getting home.	134.	People in my family have
118.	If you drank some beer, wine or hard		serious arguments.
	liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or	135.	Would your parents know if you
	gin) without your parents' permission,		did not come home on time? · · · · · ·
	would you be caught		
440	by your parents?	136.	How important were these questions?
119.	My family has clear rules about alcohol and drug use.		Not too important Important
120.	If you carried a handgun without your		Fairly important Very important Very important
	parents' permission, would you be		,
	caught by your parents?	137.	How honest were you in filling out this survey?
121.	If you skipped school without your		○ I was very honest
	parents' permission, would you be		I was honest pretty much of the time
	caught by your parents? · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		I was honest some of the time
			I was honest once in a while
122.	My parents notice when I am doing a good job		I was not honest at all
	and let me know about it.		
	Never or almost never Often		
	Sometimes All the time		The End
400			
123.	Do you feel very close to your mother?		
	○ NO! ○ no ○ yes ○ YES!		